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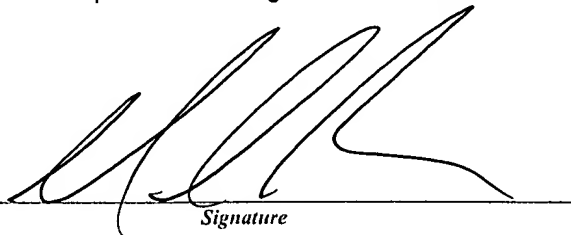
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- ☒ No item of information contained in the accompanying information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application, and, to the knowledge of the undersigned person, after making reasonable inquiry, no item of information contained in the accompanying information disclosure statement was known to any individual designated in 37 CFR 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of the information disclosure statement.

  
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Sir:

In accordance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.96-1.97 and M.P.E.P. § 609, applicant, through their attorneys, hereby bring to the attention of the Examiner the references listed on the attached Form PTO 1449. Copies of the references are enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

The undersigned believes that this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a Final Rejection or a Notice of Allowability for the above-referenced application. Since a first action on the merits has been issued before this Information Disclosure Statement was filed, please accept this Information Disclosure Statement under Rule 97(c) and the requisite fee of \$180.00. In the event of discrepancies in the filing fee, a duplicate copy of this cover letter is attached for charging our Deposit Account No. 50-1390, under Order No.

MDB0001-US and proceed to consider this Information Disclosure Statement.

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